

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 13, 2006, claims 4 and 7-18 were "objected to"; claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasuo (U. S. Patent No. 5,014,909); claim 1 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bortolotto (EP 700209); and claims 1-3 and 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Official Notice. The foregoing rejections and Official Notice taken by the Examiner are respectfully traversed.

None of the claims have been amended herein.

Claims 1-18 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Regarding the 102(b) rejections:

Claim 1 recites "**a projection television** comprising: a screen displaying a picture; a body casing forming an outer appearance of the projection television and combining with the screen; a supporting unit provided on an inside of the body casing and supporting a bottom of the screen; and **a drain hole formed at a bottom of the supporting unit and discharging moisture permeated into the screen**".

Neither Yasuo nor Bortolotto discuss or even teach "**a projection television**" as recited in claim 1 (see also paragraphs [0003]-[0005] and [0013] of the specification of the present invention, for example. That is, these references are not related to a projection television.

Instead, Yasuo merely discusses a television receiver installed in a high-humidity environment, for example, a bathroom. The television receiver 3 and a dehumidifier 5 are installed in a container case 2 provided with a waterproof structure, a drainage pipe 4 is connected to the dehumidifier to discharge water generated in a dehumidification operation to the outside of the container case (see Abstract and FIGS. 1-3, for example). In addition to not being related to a projection television, Yasuo also fails to discuss "a supporting unit provided on an inside of the body casing and supporting a bottom of the screen; and a drain hole formed at a bottom of the supporting unit and discharging moisture permeated into the screen," as recited in claim 1. That is, as shown in FIG. 3, for example, Yasuo is silent regarding any type of supporting element inside of the container case 2 to support a bottom of the screen of the receiving tube 6, or a "drain hole" as recited in claim 1.

Further, as mentioned above, Bortolotto also fails to discuss "**a projection television**" as recited in claim 1. Instead, Bortolotto merely discusses a television cabinet integrated with a

piece of modular furniture (see Abstract). The cabinet includes a box-like flush-mount structure 12, which is a frame for a cathode-ray tube 19, electronic equipment 20 and control devices. One or more front regions and/or top or bottom regions of the box like structure 12 includes holes or grilles (17, 18, 25 and 26) to connect the inside of the structure 12 to the outside. As discussed at column 5, lines 33-35, **the grilles are provided merely to allow airflow to dissipate the heat produced by the electronic equipment 20.** Thus, Bortolotto also fails to discuss "a supporting unit provided on an inside of the body casing and supporting a bottom of the screen; and a drain hole formed at a bottom of the supporting unit and discharging moisture permeated into the screen," as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, the present invention as recited in claim 1, for example, patentably distinguishes over the cited references.

Regarding the 103 rejection and the Official Notice:

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that the AAPA fails to discuss "a drain hole" as recited in claim 1, for example. However, the Examiner takes Official Notice and asserts that it is well known in the art to have a drain hole at the bottom or at multiple positions based upon Yasuo and Bortolotto. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner based upon the reasons mentioned above.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the like Yasuo and Bortolotto, AAPA fails to recite "a supporting unit provided on an inside of the body casing and supporting a bottom of the screen; and a drain hole formed at a bottom of the supporting unit and discharging moisture permeated into the screen," as recited in claim 1, for example. Instead, AAPA merely discusses the use of masking tape 170 at the bottom of the lenticular lens sheet and the fresnel lens sheet as shown in FIG. 6 of the AAPA.

Therefore, as mentioned above, the Applicant respectfully traverses the Official Notice and request that the Examiner withdraw the Official Notice or provide additional references to support this assertion.

Accordingly, the AAPA fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness over the present invention.

Withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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